

1th. Whereas by the Act for the Encouraging and increasing of Shipping and Navigation passed in the 12th Year of the Reign of King Charles the second, no Goods or Commodities whatsoever are to be imported into or exported out of any of Our Colonies or Plantations in any other Ships or Vessels whatsoever but in such as do truly and without Fraud belong only to Our People of Great Britain, or Ireland or are of the Build of, or belonging to any of Our Lands, Islands, or Territories, as the Proprietors and Right Owners thereof, and whereof the Master and three fourths of the Mariners at least are British, under the Penalty of the Forfeiture and Loss of all the Goods and Commodities, which shall be imported into, or exported out of any of the said Places in any other Ship or Vessel, with her Guns, Furniture &c. And Whereas by a Clause in the Act for preventing Frauds and regulating Abuses in the Customs, passed in the 13th and 14th Years of the Reign of King Charles the second, no Foreign built Ship, that is to say not built, not built in any of Our Dominions of Asia, Africa or America, shall enjoy the Privilege of a Ship belonging to Great Britain or Ireland altho' Owned and Manned by British Subjects, except such Ships only as shall be taken at Sea by Letters of Marque or Reprizal, and Condemnation thereof made in Our Court of Admiralty as lawful Prize, but all such Ships shall be deemed as Aliens Ships, and be liable to all Duties that Aliens Ships are liable to by Virtue of the said Act for the Encouraging and Increasing of Shipping and Navigation. And whereas by a Clause in the Act for the preventing Frauds and regulating Abuses in the Plantation Trade, it Enacted that no Goods or Merchandizes whatsoever shall be imported into or exported out of any of Our Colonies or Plantations in Asia Africa or America, or shall be laden in or carried from any one Port or Place in the said Colonies or Plantations to any other Port or Place in the same or to Our Kingdom of Great Britain in any Ship or Bottom, but what is or shall be of the Build of Great Britain, or Ireland, or of the said Colonies or Plantations, and wholly Owned by the People thereof, or any of them and Navigated with the Master and three fourths of the Mariners of the said Places only, except such Ships only as shall be taken Prize and Condemnation thereof in One of the Courts of Admiralty in Great Britain Ireland or the said Plantations, to be Navigated by the Master and three fourths of the Mariners British or of the said Plantations as aforesaid and whereof the Property doth belong to British Subjects, on Pain of Forfeiture of Ships and Goods, And Whereas by another Clause in the said Act for the more effectual Prevention of Frauds which may be Used by colouring Foreign Ships under British Names, it is further Enacted that no Ship or Vessel whatsoever shall be deemed or Pass as a Ship of the Build of Great Britain, Ireland, Guernsey Jersey or any of Our Plantations in America so as to be Qualified to Trade to from or in any of the said Plantations until the Person or Persons claiming Property in such Ship or Vessel shall Register the same in manner therein appointed. You and he the said Robert Eden shall take care, and give in Charge that these Matters and Things be duly Observed within Our said Province of Maryland according to the True Intent and meaning of the said